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Chapter 44: Cold (1)

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TOUMA-SAN CHAN... I KNOW YOU SUCK AT COOKING, BUT IS POURING DRINKS EVEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU...?

AND WHAT'S WRONG? YOU LOOK TERRIBLE

WHATEVER, I'LL JUST DRINK THIS WATER

I PUNCHED HIM IN THE FACE AND IT WAS WORSE THAN IT WAS WHEN I WENT TO THE DENTIST. I'M BETTER THIS WAY!

MY FEVER WENT UP. THAT'S ALL. I'M FINE.

BEING THE ONLY ONE WHO REMEMBERS YOU, I BELIEVE THAT WAS OF COURSE BECAUSE YOU'RE MY MANAGER OR SOMETHING.

YOU'RE NOT FINE AT ALL! WHAT? FEVER?!

SO IT'S REALLY BECAUSE OF YESTERDAY!!

BUT WITH THIS, WE CAN FORGET IT EVEN HAPPENED.

PUT ME DOWN, SIGGON.

HE WAS SPACY BECAUSE OF HIS FEVER AND DOESN'T KNOW WHO HE KISSED.

PLUS HE'S ALSO A BOY, THAT MUCH IS...

Huh

HEY, YOUR FEVER WENT UP!

IN THE FIRST PLACES, WHAT WAS I SEEKING FOR WHEN I INTERROGATED HIM?

AN APOLOGY? CONFIRMATION?

I PROBABLY WOULDN'T BE SATISFIED NO MATTER WHAT HIS REPLY IS.

THE VERY MOMENT HE KISSED ME, I WAS DISAPPOINTED IN HIM.

YUKI'S SURROUNDINGS ARE ALWAYS FULL

OF 'GIRLS' WHO ARE IN LOVE WITH HIM.

I CAN'T COUNT HOW MANY TIMES I'VE SEEN THEM GET JEALOUS, CRY, CONFESS ONLY TO BE REJECTED, BECOME SAD AND DISTANCE THEMSELVES.

AI-CHAN WAS ALSO ONE OF THOSE 'GIRLS'.

BUT I'M DIFFERENT.

BECAUSE I'M NOT A 'GIRL'.

I'LL ALWAYS BE SOMEONE HE'S COMFORTABLE TO BE WITH --

SIGH? YOU DO

HAVE FEV--

A 'FRIEND'

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HELLO, EVERYONE. MY FEVER RAPIDLY RETURNED.

ARE YOU ALRIGHT, TSUBASA-CHAN?

VISITING A FRIEND BECAME VISITING A SICK FRIEND.

WE HAD PLANS TO EAT OUT BUT...

IT CAN'T BE HELPED. LET'S ORDER INSTEAD.

WAIT, SORA-CHAN! I'LL COOK!

TSUBASA-CHAN FEELS WEAK. I THINK HOME COOKING WOULD BE BEST.

IF IT'S OKAY WITH YOU, PLEASE LET ME HELP.

OH, YOU CAN COOK, TACHIBANA-SAN? BUT ASKING A GUEST TO COOK IS...

I CAN COOK A LITTLE BIT! BUT NOW THAT YOU MENTIONED IT, YOU ARE A GUEST, TOO.

OH, YOU'RE RIGHT THEN, PLEASE!

NO ONE ELSE CAN COOK PROPERLY IN HOTA'S OUR FAMILIES, SO I'M GLAD IT WORKED OUT.

WHAT? WOULD NO GOOD BOY?

WAIT, BUT IT'S SUMMER.

NO YOU REALLY WERE

REJECTED, HUH?

REALLY DO YOU WANT TO EAT YOUR'S CHOW?

...HUH?

WHY, YOU...

SO ARE YOU FIGHTING. THEN WHAT WAS THAT?

BEFORE ASKING SUCH FAVORS, WHY DON'T YOU START WITH APOLOGIZING PROPERLY FIRST?

EVERYONE FEELS AWKWARD

SHE SLAPPED MY HAND AWAY AGAIN.

BUT THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT FROM WHEN SHE SLAPPED MY HAND AWAY AT THE FIREWORKS FESTIVAL.

THAT REACTION WAS JUST

BECAUSE OF HER FEVER.

IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, DON'T FORGET ABOUT WHAT I TOLD YOU.

I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN BUT I DON'T REMEMBER SAYING ANYTHING ABOUT GOING ALONG WITH IT.

OKAY! WELL THEN, I'LL GO SHOPPING!

THANKS, HOTAKE-CHAN FOR THE BUDGET...

WHAT ABOUT YOU, SORA-CHAN?

YOU'RE COMING WITH ME.

BUT I NEED TO TAKE CARE OF TSUBASA...

SORA-CHAN, SORA-CHAN, LOOK, LOOK.

I'M WEARING THE DRESS YOU GAVE ME.

HM? YEAH, YOU LOOK GOOD IN THAT

DO YOU INTEND

TO MAKE ME CARRY THE GROCERIES ALL BY MYSELF?

HOSHIRU, YOU'RE STRONG ♡♡♡

WILL YOU COME WITH ME? <3

U-UHH...

WHAT'S UP?

THAT HURT...

SFX: SIGH...

SFX: PULL

SFX: POUT

YOU'RE GONNA COOK, RIGHT? I'LL HELP CARRY THE GROCE-RIES, SO LET'S GO.

TACHIBANA, LET'S GO, TOO

EH?

HMM, YOU'RE RIGHT. LET'S GO.

COME WITH US, TOO, HIKARI.

Looks like Shiori-chan's trying to steal Hoshiru-kun away...

Jun?

Q: SO WHO WILL BE LEFT HOME?

OH, THEN I SHOULD COME AS—...!

YUU-NII

YOU

STAY AND WATCH THE HOUSE,

OKAY?

YOU HEAR US?

SFX: SHUFF

SFX: SHUFF

OI?!

SFX: PUSH

IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN I'LL—!!

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HURRY UP AND GET PREPARED, SHIORI <3

SFX: SIGH... FOLLOW ME PRINCESS KNIGHT

SFX: SHUFF SHUFF

WE'RE OFF!

A: WELL, SEEMS LIKE IT WILL BE THESE TWO.

To Be Continued